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SUBJECT: SEATO MILITARY CIVIC ACTION EXERCISE, SEATEX

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1. IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT CINCPAC HAS RECOMMENDED TO JCS THE CANCELLATION OF SEATO EXERCISE, SEATEX-53 ON GROUNDS OF LIMITED TRAINING BENEFIT TO UWHS. FORCES.

2. WE AGREE THAT THE BENEFIT OF TRAINING TO U.S. FORCES WOULD BE LIMITED, BUT THIS HAS PROBABLY BEEN TRUE FOR MOST SEATO EXERCISES. OUR CONCERN IS THAT, IN LINE WITH OUR GENERAL POLICY TOWARD SEATO, WE SHOULD NOT MOVE OUT AHEAD OF THE REGIONAL MEMBERS IN ATTEMPTING TO CANCEL THIS EXERCISE. BOTH REGIONAL MEMBERS HAVE APPROVED AND ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS FINAL SEATO EXERCISE, SEATEX-53, AND WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING THEIR LEAD. MOREOVER, THE USG COMMITMENT IS MINIMAL: TWENTY-FIVE PERSONNEL FOR THE CIVIC ACTION TEAMS PLUS TWO OR THREE TO THE EXERCISE STAFF.

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